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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1638  
PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

EDGAR B. CAHOON ET. AL.

CASE BB1413USNA  
NO.:

APPLICATION NO.: 09/732597

CONFIRMATION NO.: 2801

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

EXAMINER: MCELWAIN, ELIZABETH F.

FILED: DECEMBER 08, 2000

FOR: ENZYMES INVOLVED IN PETROSELINIC ACID BIOSYNTHESIS

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Introductory Comments**

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2004 finally rejecting claims 27-31 and 34-45 of the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the this Response After Final on the ground that it puts the claims in form for allowance. In the alternative, it is respectfully submitted that it puts the claims in better form for appeal. Reconsideration is respectfully requested and the following submitted in support thereof. Please amend the application as follows:

Sir: